



AGRICULTURAL PRICES

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Prices Received by Florida Farmers

Prices received by livestock producers in mid-October were lower compared with the entire month of September. The mid-October price for cows at \$39.30 per hundredweight, was \$2.10 less than a month earlier, and \$9.40 less than a year ago. Steers and heifers at \$75.00 per hundredweight, were down \$5.10 per hundredweight from the previous month, and \$2.00 less than a year earlier. Calves at \$87.90 per hundredweight were \$3.80 lower than a month earlier but \$1.80 higher than October 2008. The milk price was \$17.70 per hundredweight, up \$1.60 from a month earlier but \$3.30 below last year.

United States Price Index

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in October, at 135 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased nine points (7.1 percent) from September. The Crop Index is up 11 points (7.7 percent) and the Livestock Index increased one point (0.9 percent). Producers received higher prices for lettuce, corn, milk, and broccoli and lower prices for broilers, cattle, snap beans, and cucumbers. In addition to prices, the overall Index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of soybeans, corn, cotton, and cottonseed offset decreased marketings of milk, wheat, grapes, and sweet corn.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 15 points (10 percent) from October 2008. The Food Commodities Index, at 135, increased nine points (7.1 percent) from last month but decreased 13 points (8.8 percent) from October 2008.

Summary Table

Index 1990-92=100	2008		2009	
	September	October	September	October
Prices Received	154	150	126	135
Prices Paid	190	187	175	175
Ratio ¹	81	80	72	77

¹ Prices Received/Prices Paid.

Average Price Received by Farmers

[Eggs, broilers and hay prices are midmonth estimates. Prices for the latest month for grains and soybeans are midmonth estimates. Prices for most meat animals are first half of month and other estimates are for the entire month]

Commodity	Florida			United States		
	October 2008	September 2009	October 2009	October 2008	September 2009	October 2009
MEAT ANIMALS						
Cowsdollars per cwt	48.70	41.40	39.30	48.40	44.40	43.70
Steers & heifers.....dollars per cwt	77.00	80.10	75.00	92.90	85.50	84.00
Calvesdollars per cwt	86.10	91.70	87.90	106.00	107.00	103.00
Hogs ¹dollars per cwt				48.50	37.70	37.20
MILK ²						
Sold to plants, all dollars per cwt	21.00	16.10	17.70	17.80	12.90	13.80
POULTRY						
Commercial broilers cents per pound				45.0	42.0	40.0
Table eggs cents per dozen	83.00	59.00	62.0	89.1	56.8	63.5
CITRUS, ON TREE						
Orangesdollars per box	8.09	(3)	(3)	5.57	13.02	11.47
Grapefruitdollars per box	12.15	(3)	16.60	10.64	8.65	12.90
Tangerinesdollars per box	6.79	(3)	6.92	14.16	(3)	6.92
FIELD CROPS						
Potatoesdollars per cwt	(3)	(3)	(3)	7.60	8.27	7.79
Hay, All baled dollars per ton	(3)	(3)	(3)	156.00	107.00	106.00
Peanuts dollars per pound	0.192	(3)	(3)	0.206	0.233	0.240
Corn ¹dollars per bushel				4.37	3.25	3.54
Oats ¹dollars per bushel				3.26	1.81	1.80
Cotton, Upland ¹ dollars per pound				0.588	0.550	0.526
Sorghum ¹dollars per cwt				6.89	5.63	5.57
Soybeans ¹dollars per bushel				9.95	9.75	9.74
Wheat, Winter ¹dollars per bushel				6.03	4.20	4.35

¹ Only marketing year average prices are estimated for Florida, except oats and sorghum which are not estimated.

² Before deductions for hauling and government withholding, and includes quantity and other premiums, but excludes hauling subsidies.

³ Not estimated this month.

Highlights-United States Prices Received Indices

All Crops: The October Index is 154, up 7.7 percent from September but 8.3 percent below October 2008. Index increases for commercial vegetables, feed grains & hay, fruits & nuts, oil-bearing crops, and food grains more than offset the Index decreases for, potatoes & dry beans and cotton.

Food Grains: The October Index, at 168, is 5.7 percent above the previous month but 27 percent below a year ago. The October all wheat price, at \$4.56 per bushel, is up 8 cents from September but \$2.09 below October 2008.

Feed Grains & Hay: The October Index is 153, up 6.3 percent from last month but 21 percent below a year ago. The corn price, at \$3.54 per bushel, is up 29 cents from last month but 83 cents below October 2008. The all hay price, at \$106 per ton, is down \$1.00 from September and \$50.00 lower than last October. Sorghum grain, at \$5.57 per hundredweight is six cents below September and \$1.32 lower than October last year.

Oil-Bearing Crops: The October Index, at 166, is up 5.1 percent from September but 4.6 percent lower than October 2008. The soybean price, at \$9.74 per bushel, decreased one cent from September 2009 and 21 cents from October 2008.

Cotton: The October Index, at 87, is down 4.4 percent from September and 10 percent below last year. The October price, at 52.6 cents per pound, is down 2.4 cents from the previous month and 6.2 cents below last October.

Potatoes & Dry Beans: The October Index, at 137, is down 5.5 percent from last month and 4.2 percent below October 2008. The all potato price, at \$7.79 per hundredweight, is down 48 cents from September but up 19 cents from last October. The all dry bean price, at \$28.60 per hundredweight is down \$1.80 from the previous month and \$11.40 below October 2008.

Fruits & Nuts: The October Index, at 162, is up 6.6 percent from September and 5.2 percent higher than a year ago. Price increases for grapes, grapefruit, strawberries, and pears more than offset price decreases for apples, oranges, and lemons.

Commercial Vegetables: The October Index, at 179, is up 27 percent from last month and 0.6 percent above October 2008. Price increases during October for lettuce, broccoli, cauliflower, and cantaloupes more than offset price declines for snap beans, cucumbers, onions, and carrots.

Livestock & Products: The October Index, at 109, is 0.9 percent above last month but down 14 percent from October 2008. Compared with a year ago, prices for milk, cattle, hogs, broilers, eggs, turkeys, and calves are lower.

Meat Animals: The October Index, at 102, is down 1.0 percent from last month and 12 percent lower than last year. The October hog price, at \$37.20 per hundredweight is down 50 cents from September and \$11.30 lower than a year ago. The October beef cattle price of \$78.90 per hundredweight is down \$1.70 from last month and \$8.50 lower than October 2008.

Dairy Products: The October Index, at 106, is up 7.1 percent from a month ago but 22 percent lower than October last year. The October all milk price of \$13.80 per hundredweight increased 90 cents from last month but is \$4.00 lower than October 2008. The fluid grade milk price increased 90 cents and the manufacturing grade milk price rose 80 cents from the previous month.

Poultry & Eggs: The October Index, at 127, is down 1.6 percent from September and 15 percent below a year ago. The October market egg price, at 63.5 cents per dozen, increased 6.7 cents from September but is 25.6 cents below October 2008. The October broiler price, at 40.0 cents per pound, is down 2.0 cents from September and 5.0 cents below a year ago. The October turkey price, at 52.1 cents per pound, is up 3.6 cents from the previous month but down 12.5 cents from a year earlier.

Prices Received for Selected Agricultural Commodities, by month - United States: 2008 and 2009

Month	All wheat		Corn		Soybeans		Beef cattle ¹		All hogs	
	2008	2009 ²	2008	2009 ²	2008	2009 ²	2008	2009 ²	2008	2009 ²
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)
January.....	7.96	6.20	3.98	4.36	9.95	9.97	87.50	80.10	37.40	42.80
February	10.10	5.79	4.54	3.87	11.70	9.54	89.00	78.80	42.20	43.90
March.....	10.50	5.71	4.70	3.85	11.40	9.12	87.80	79.00	40.30	43.80
April	10.10	5.75	5.14	3.85	12.00	9.79	86.80	83.50	44.40	44.10
May.....	8.87	5.84	5.27	3.96	12.10	10.70	91.30	83.20	55.30	44.50
June.....	7.62	5.74	5.47	4.01	13.10	11.40	91.90	80.40	53.40	43.30
July	7.15	5.13	5.25	3.60	13.30	10.80	95.00	81.10	54.30	43.20
August.....	7.61	4.83	5.26	3.33	12.80	10.80	95.80	80.60	60.70	37.40
September	7.43	4.48	5.01	3.25	10.80	9.75	94.20	80.60	52.60	37.70
October.....	6.65	4.56	4.37	3.54	9.95	9.74	87.40	78.90	48.50	37.20
November	6.29		4.26		9.39		84.30		40.70	
December	5.95		4.11		9.24		79.70		41.90	

¹ Cows, steers, and heifers.
² Current month prices are mid-month; prices for previous months are for the entire month.